

WORKHOUSE WILL EARN \$50,000 FOR THE YEAR

Ocequan Management to Disprove Theory That Corrective Institutions Are Burden.

Interesting Details Brought Out at First Inspection of Place by Grand Jury of District.

The usual theory that corrective institutions are a heavy burden upon taxpayers was disproved by facts which came to light during the tour of inspection made by the grand jury to the District Workhouse at Ocequan Friday, Supt. Whitaker informed the members of the institution as a result of the various systematized activities to which the prisoners are put during their sojourn on the premises, will turn over to the United States government the sum of \$50,000, this year, including the added value of the improvements to the buildings.

The General Warren, special tug for Ocequan, boomed out its final warning whistle, and the last of four members of the grand jury moved across the open space at the 10th street wharf and into the institution as a result of the various systematized activities to which the prisoners are put during their sojourn on the premises, will turn over to the United States government the sum of \$50,000, this year, including the added value of the improvements to the buildings.

Members of the Grand Jury.

The fourteen members of the grand jury sat in the stern and with them sat William Gilchrist, from the district attorney's office; William Whitaker, superintendent of the workhouse, and a representative of The Star. The four were Edwin R. Brooks, foreman; Henry J. Shrauder, John P. Darcy, Elmer D. Bailey, Clarence E. Hackett, Walter Cogswell, John P. Hawkins, William J. Mullins, Julius Veldt, John R. Morgan, Walter R. Johnson, Byron Anderson, Daniel C. Sisson and Frank J. Dineen. They were off to make the first formal inspection of the workhouse by a grand jury since the establishment of the institution five years ago.

A lookout went "aloft" with Capt. Sisson to look for "submarines." And on the way down the river Supt. Whitaker told of the foundation, the development and the purposes of Ocequan. "Work was started on the institution just about five years ago," said the superintendent. "The 45,000-acre tract which is now occupied was then a wilderness. The men were put in camp on the bank of Ocequan river, and work was begun on the road back to the site which had been chosen for the principal building. The road, extending over 400 feet in a mile and a half, was completed in a little less than thirty days. Then work was begun on the buildings, the main building from then till today the work of improving the institution has continued steadily."

No Corporal Punishment.

It was learned during the course of the trip that about 675 men and women form the usual number of prisoners at the workhouse (600 men and 75 women) and that no corporal punishment is used in handling them; that there has been but one serious disturbance among the prisoners.

The brick yard was the first industry. There is a brick-making plant with a capacity of 65,000 bricks and 32,000 perfect bricks is the daily output. One of the members of the grand jury, familiar with this form of industry, pronounced the yard to be the most compact and completely equipped plant he had ever visited.

Over the winding road which had been built by the prisoners the visitors were taken to the kitchen, the dining hall of the workhouse. These are of frame construction, painted white and provided with white porcelain fixtures, an admirable plumbing system. If there is one phrase which would sum up the impression of the visitors, it would be "cleanly, methodical, efficient." Over the principal building the words were used in the course of the visit.

Great, Airy Dining Hall.

The prisoners have their principal meals in the morning and evening, then lightest at noon. The visitors watched the prisoners file in orderly ranks into the dining hall, and then sit down to a simple but nourishing meal. All remained seated until the last had finished. The absolute silence of the 600 men was explained by Supt. Whitaker.

"Considerable criticism has been expressed from various sources for the strict enforcement of this ruling," he said. "But I am still convinced it is for the best of all concerned. You would be surprised to find how much would be derived at mealtime from the type of conversation men for the most part seem to enjoy. At all other times they are permitted to talk freely among themselves."

The workhouse tract is a farm run on a tremendous scale and with painstaking care for efficiency. After a tour in the office dining room, every portion of the menu being prepared in the kitchen, the visitors inspected the various buildings, including the dormitories, with their long rows of clean, white beds and open windows; the general store, a room; the ice plant, with a capacity of two tons a day; the power plant; the washing and bathing building; the hospital; the laundry; the recreation rooms; and the administration building, with its cells, where the few prisoners who attempt to escape are confined.

The visitors also went through the farm buildings, inspecting the dairy, the cow stables, the hog pens, the chicken farm, the huge barns and the granaries. The proportions of the various enterprises, the modern equipment and the normal arrangement, were commented upon by the members of the jury.

Practically None Carry Weapons.

The prisoners appeared well behaved, clean and in splendid physical condition. They were busily occupied in many comparatively small "gangs" about the farm, each gang watched over by one of the seventy-two officers of the institution. Supt. Whitaker stated that practically none of the officers carry weapons. For example, a group of ten college prisoners was starting back into the woods to cut wood. The prisoners carried an ax. The guard, a little team, and a few dogs. "It all depends upon how you handle them," said Supt. Whitaker. "Treat 'em right and they'll fight for you."

New buildings are now being planned, for Supt. Whitaker is never satisfied. When one big problem has been solved and accomplished he sets out after a bigger one.

"The right man in the right place," said the superintendent, "is the key to the success of the institution. The representative of The Star was 'indicted' and 'sentenced' by the grand jury to spend thirty days at Ocequan. He is still at large. But were it not for the fact that no smoking is permitted on the workhouse premises there would be a chance that he might not be here. It's a wonderful place, Ocequan."

Paper clubs for policemen, practically indestructible, have been invented by an Englishman.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

The condition of the United States Treasury at the close of business yesterday was:

Net balance in general fund, \$14,457,499; total receipts, \$2,784,631; total payments, \$2,266,932.

The deficit this fiscal year is \$104,256,972 against a deficit of \$25,952,772 last year exclusive of Panama canal and public debt transactions.

Gen. F. S. Strong's New Duties.

Brig. Gen. Frederick S. Strong, recently promoted from colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, has been assigned to the command of the South Atlantic coast artillery district, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Program of Closing Exercises, St. Mary's Academy.

TO OPEN WITH RECITAL

Delegates to State Federation of Labor Designated—Services at Churches Today.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 5.—The closing exercises for the present term of St. Mary's Academy, conducted by the sisters of the Holy Cross, will take place June 16 in the assembly hall of that institution at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The program will be started June 9, when pupils in expression will give recital; June 10, 7:30 p.m., class night; June 11, 5:30 p.m., primary class in physical education; June 12, 5:30 p.m., senior class in physical education; and June 15, at 5:30 p.m., senior field day.

The program for June 16 is as follows: 7 a.m., alumnae mass; 1 p.m., alumnae business meeting; 4:30 p.m., commencement; 5:30 p.m., benediction of the sacrament; and 6 to 8 p.m., alumnae reception.

Delegates to Labor Convention.

Thirteen delegates, representing different trade branches, will attend the annual convention of the Virginia Federation of Labor, which will convene Monday in Fredericksburg and end its sessions Wednesday.

Delegates from the Alexandria trades council will be William R. Hamilton, John K. Sparrow, Howard T. Colvin, David Larkin and Carl Rothmeyer. From other branches: Brewery, M. E. Paigett, jr.; Charles Smith and Frank Cockerell, jr.; firemen, Roy Foley and Frank J. Dineen; carpenters, George Craig and John T. Harrison.

It is understood, however, that a candidate for president of the Virginia convention.

Services in the Churches.

Rev. William H. Pettus of West Somerville, Mass., will preach tomorrow morning at Grace P. E. Church, and the pulpit in that church at the evening service will be occupied by Rev. C. J. Richardson.

"The Power to Regenerate the World" will be the subject of the sermon of Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor, at the Second Presbyterian Church, tomorrow morning, and his theme at the evening service will be "The Soul's Spiritual Conflict."

Property Sold at Auction.

S. H. Lunt, auctioneer, sold at public auction at noon today the three-story store building at 323 King street, occupied by Hamilton & Co., and for \$2,000.

He also sold two lots in George Washington Park to R. N. Simpson at \$5 each and one lot in Bay to D. Normandy for \$80.

Friendship Council, No. 1, Daughters of Liberty, will Friday night celebrate its sixth anniversary. A musical and literary program will be given and refreshments will be served. Members of Hope Council, No. 1, of Washington, have accepted an invitation to attend.

General and Personal.

Announcement is made of the marriage June 1, at Corpus Christi Church, New York, of Robert E. McCahey, this city, and Miss Mary M. Kennedy, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Helen Cecilia Davis, this city, and Archie H. Conner, New York city, were married last night at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Isaac Pendleton Green, brother of Prof. Bert Green of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, died at his home in Danville, Va., yesterday at the age of fifty-two years. He was buried tonight at the funeral, which will take place in Danville tomorrow.

A strawberry festival will be given Tuesday night in the parish hall of St. Rita's Catholic Church, Mount Ida, Alexandria county. Proceeds will here be for the benefit of the church.

Final examinations in the Alexandria High School will begin Monday night. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veteran, will hold his monthly meeting Monday night.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Heavy selling on the part of big concerns today carried the price of wheat decisively down. The result was a weak close at 2 1/2¢, under last night. Corn finished 1 1/2¢ to 1 3/4¢, and provisions at losses varying from 2 1/2¢ to 10 1/2¢.

Although it seemed at one time as if the declining tendency in wheat had been checked, the prospect was entirely changed about half an hour before the close. At that juncture the selling broadened out to proportions which sent the price of wheat down to 1 1/2¢, and the general store of wheat received today indicating an early harvest. Southern Illinois, for example, was expected to cut wheat next week, perhaps by Monday.

Prospects of clearing weather southward, where crop damage was apparent, and the fact that the recent advance had indicated might be the case, did a good deal to intensify bearish sentiment regarding wheat. Feeling was also influenced by the continued fall in quotations from Liverpool, especially as the export demand for wheat was slow, and the banks at the board were said to be refusing to negotiate long contracts.

Corn followed the lead of wheat, and particularly so in the break at the end of the session. Predictions were for a slight advance next week. The rivals here of late have been smaller than at any corresponding time in five years.

Weakness of oats appeared to come chiefly from sympathy with the action of other grain. Offerings of new crop of oats to arrive increased to a considerable extent. Provisions had no adequate support. It was said packers were trying to unload their holdings of lard and ribs. Trade will be held Monday. The day is a legal holiday here, owing to a judicial election.

EXPLAINS FAILURE TO PAY.

National Railways of Mexico Issues Statement to Creditors.

NEW YORK, June 5.—A statement explaining the failure of the National Railways of Mexico to pay principal and interest amounting to \$25,326,680 on obligations which matured June 1, was received here today from the directors of the system in Mexico City. The statement in part says:

"The operation of the properties of the company is still out of its hands. The company therefore has no after native but to ask the holders of the obligations to wait the return to it of the properties normally belonging to its system, and the restoration of peace to the Mexican nation, so that the government and the company may be placed in a position to duly deal with this subject."

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LITTLE PAL—He Was Wise.

—By Leo.

WHAT'LL YOUR WIFE SAY 'CAUSE YOU STAYED OUT SO LATE, BOB P?

SAY??? WHY SHE WON'T SAY ANYTHING—YOU KNOW ME, PAL!

I'LL BE A LITTLE CONSIDERATE AN' SLIP IN TH' WINDOW SO'S NOT TO WAKE TH' LITTLE DEAR!

GO BACK AN' STAY WITH YOUR SICK FRIEND!

WELL, HE GOT IN ALL RIGHT—BUT HE CAN'T FOOL ME WITH HIS "CONSIDERATE!"

DON'T TELL YOU?

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, June 5.—The cotton market was very quiet today, but prices ruled generally steadily and closed at a net advance of 1 to 3 points.

The bullish showing of the week-end figures which were published yesterday after the close of business, seemed to inspire some scattered buying and a little local buying at the start, with first prices unchanged to 2 points higher. Liverpool, however, fully met yesterday's local reaction, while traders took a favorable view of the weather map and there was enough scattered realizing to cause reactions of some 4 or 5 points in the middle of the morning. Later, reports of heavy rains in Oklahoma and North Texas reached the ring and prices rallied, with the close 2 or 3 points off from the best under renewed effort-taking. The official forecast for the week-end, however, was generally fair weather in the eastern belt was considered favorable, as dry, and that in that section, but the rains reported in the west, and being complained of in the cotton belt, evidently attracted considerable attention.

In the session, spinners' takings of American cotton for the week ended yesterday were 258,561 bales, against 153,051 last year and the visible supply of American cotton decreased 186,002 bales, comparing with a decrease of 114,000 last year. Estimates of the season's production are now increased to slightly over 5,000,000 bales, while reports from the dry goods trade indicate that mills are operating fully as well up to their capacity as they were at this time last season.

Port receipts today, 25,511 bales; for season, 10,457,297; exports today, 4,122; for season, 7,346,811; stock, 966,399.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 5.—Cotton was under mild selling pressure today, but closed at a net loss of 1 to 3 points. At the lowest trading moment, were 4 to 5 points down. Profit-taking in the local and small short selling made up the offerings, mostly from the market had no great selling power because of the bullish display made by the weekly statistics, which showed 350,000 bales, compared with 158,000 the same week last year, while the visible supply decreased nearly 200,000 bales, against a decrease the same week last year of less than 100,000.

Selling of the new crop in reports from the belt might have been heavier, but for the general rains in Oklahoma, Mississippi and the cotton belt, there has been too much rain.

Liverpool offered little encouragement to either side and its restricted business, as the bulls, especially, have been watching the English market closely during the last three or four days.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Flour—Dull. Rye flour—Dull. Cornmeal—Quiet.

Wheat—Steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, 1.25 1/2, and No. 2 hard, 1.35 1/2 c. l. f. New York export billed; No. 1 northern Duluth, 1.40 1/2, and No. 1 northern Manitoba, 1.35 1/2 c. l. f. Buffalo. Futures easy; July, 1.25 1/2.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 yellow, 82 1/2, prompt shipment. Corn—Spot easy; standard, 56; No. 3 white, 55 1/2; fancy clipped white, 57 1/2.

Hay—Steady. Hops—Quiet. Hides—Easy. Leather—Firm. Pork—Quiet. Beef—Steady. Lard—Quiet. Tallow—Quiet. Wool—Steady. Wool—Steady. Wool—Steady. Wool—Steady.

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